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DATE: 5 JULY 1974

SUBJECT: THAILAND RIOTING CONTINUES

SCATTERED ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN BANGKOK HAVE CLAIMED AT LEAST 20 LIVES AND HAVE CONTINUED INTO A THIRD NIGHT IN WHAT LOCAL OBSERVERS HAVE DUBBED A "CHINATOWN STREET WAR." PRIME MINISTER SANYA TOLD NEWSMEN TODAY THAT THE VIOLENCE WAS BEING INSTIGATED BY CHINESE MOTORCYCLE GANGS AND THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO USE ALL NECESSARY FORCE TO RESTORE LAW AND ORDER.

THE RIOTS HAVE NOT ESCALATED INTO A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE SANYA GOVERNMENT SINCE THEY REFLECT POLICE-GANG TENSIONS RATHER THAN SOCIAL PROTEST. THERE IS A DANGER, HOWEVER, THAT INCREASED POLICE-INFLICTED CASUALTIES COULD ATTRACT STUDENT AND LABOR SUPPORT

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TO THE RIOTERS.

SANYA'S WILLINGNESS TO GET TOUGH WITH THE RIOTERS RATHER THAN NEGOTIATE WITH THEM IS SURE TO BE WELCOMED BY SENIOR ARMY AND POLICE OFFICERS. THERE HAS BEEN A GROWING SENSE OF FRUSTRATION WITHIN THE THAI MILITARY OVER SANYA'S RELUCTANCE TO STAND UP TO THE DEMANDS OF VARIOUS PRESSURE GROUPS IN RECENT MONTHS. INDEED THESE CRITICS ARE LIKELY TO POINT TO SANYA'S PERMISSIVE POLICIES AS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN THE RECENT BREAKDOWN IN LAW AND ORDER.

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